

INNOCENCE AND CHARACTER

Neighbors That Differed in Point of View—The Results—The Reason For Failure—Innocence by Inactivity is not Manhood—Character is Attained in the Stream of Life—Our Lives Are to be More Than a Set of Opinions.

By W. T. Williams.

It was a beautiful eight—two families of modest size were brought up on two farms which adjoined each other. The one had five children and the other six, and hard-working and careful folk as they were, they managed to accumulate a great deal of this world's goods. Their farms multiplied over and over until at length their neighbors were not surprised at what they were able to do. It seemed so easy for them to grow wealthy. Making money was natural for them. But there was a marked difference between the two families. Their points of view were widely apart. The angles from which they looked upon the world were so far apart as the poles, and in order to be helped to see them in their right color, let us look at them separately.

The larger of the two was firmly established upon the idea of its own worldly welfare. It had no conception of its responsibilities to the community at large because it was taught night and day to attend strictly to its own business. Everything was set aside for its own sake, and never was any family that did this more completely. This was the basis of its life, and whenever the father would give an advice, it was without an exception.

"Children, attend to your own business." The other family, the smaller of the two, was every whit as industrious, and it had fully as much of what we call property to its name. Along this line it was not an iota behind, and if anything it was ahead. The inspiration it received by having the interest of the community so close to its heart was not for naught. It made it alive to every opportunity. Nothing passed its keen mind without a search for all signs, and since it was taught to be useful in Church and State, fully as diligently as the former was taught to attend to its own business, it seldom were they in error.

We have noticed that one of these families was educated along selfish lines, while the other one was educated along the line of usefulness. The chief motive of the one was to enfold, while the chief motive of the other was to unfold. In short, the one was selfish and the other was unselfish. Now, we are justified in asking what were the results? We are entitled to know what effect they had upon their surroundings. It was in accordance with their points of view. It could not be otherwise. The one family became a power in the whole neighborhood, and the other one grew weaker and weaker. The one has developed a character that cannot be set aside, growing into the fibre of the community, while the other one has remained on its surface, out of touch with its life, known as a "dead branch."

Several years elapsed and one day the two fathers met. This was not unusual, but the fact that the one who had the larger family was so interested in the other was very much so. He was for once not too busy to discuss matters concerning the public, a very unwelcome experience. And among other questions, he ventured to ask the following, and his dark and uplifted brow spoke of the heaviness of his heart: "Can you tell me, my friend, the reason why we are not considered in the plans of this neighborhood?"

"I know the reason," was the answer, "but if you are not ready to accept it, I fail to see that it's right to put your feelings to such a test. For of answering your question at all, I must be candid."

"The candid," came the prompt reply. "I want to know." "Well, inasmuch as this is your desire, I must be true to you, and I can sum up the whole trouble in one sentence: The reason why you are not considered in the plans of this community is this: You have insisted on holding yourself aloof from it. You are refused to believe it is any way your business, and you have lived for yourself, and within the limits of your own family, and the community has decided to allow you to do it."

"This is hard, but explain yourself." "I don't know that I have anything else to say, but you know that this community hasn't cost you a single dollar since you have been in it. Outside of your taxes, no organization of any kind receives any support from you, no, not even the school; and to finish it all, you want us far as to stop your children to join church when they craved for the privilege. I have said enough, but remember that the duties of life are more than attending to one's business. There is a vast difference between being innocent and useful. Children are innocent, but this is not the quality of manhood when it is maintained by idleness and apathy. Character belongs to manhood, and character is not developed by keeping ourselves aloof from the affairs of life. There is no other way in which this can be attained than by throwing ourselves into the channels where the hot battles are fought. If we want to be men of character we must be willing to bear the galling loads of the day. The hardships which we endure in the spirit of the Nazarene are not endured in vain. Then, let us look at this a little closer."

Our lives have been ordained to be more than a set of opinions lying dormant in our minds. It is essential that we have more than a set of opinions, even though we do take pride in them. We must have well-wrought convictions, and such things are not shamed over night. They are the fruits of years of suffering for the sake of all concerned. For one another we are to endure the hardships of our generation. There is no other idea worthy of the narrowness of our own thoughts, and any person who has grown large enough to appreciate the preciousness of it, is an invaluable asset in the world. His concentration of life cannot become out-of-date, and he of necessity will lead the multitudes into safe and useful paths.

We have seen men here and there who refuse to become indignant under the severest provocations. They realize that this is not considered by certain people a sign of what they call culture, and for this reason they refuse to allow themselves to submit to the test. This might be justifiable under certain conditions, but never when we are doing it in order to hide and spare ourselves. It is a plain sign of weakness, and as such it should be discarded. It is not enough to be irreproachable, but we must have character. We must be able to discern what deserves our support, in Church and State, without taking our own well-being into consideration. Our aim must be to conform ourselves to the will of God. We must do more than act well. Our motives must be Christian, because without these we are always in danger of falling into the ruts of selfishness. We must be willing to face the most arduous duties, not because that is philosophically pretty, but because our citizenship is from above. To be negative is convenient and comfortable at times, but by being positive we make our lives count. The power which we need is not found in the realms of a negative position. Very often timidity and undue care become the meanest type of selfishness. We must feel assured that we are upheld by the purpose of the ages. In this manner we make ourselves firm, able to stand on our own feet, knowing that our efforts of love are strengthened by the inspiration of Heaven. Our spirits must be incorporated by that Spirit that knows no failure. In short, we must not keep ourselves aloof from the streams of life. Voluntarily we must cast ourselves into them, causing an impediment in their onward course. To be innocent is pleasing we admit, but to be people of character is better. This should be our everlasting aim, and if it is not, the hour has arrived for us to examine our conception of life.

COUNTY GRANGE

A Meeting of Profit and Pleasure—Crescent Grange Takes First Prize on Corn, Ottokee Grange Second—Discussion of World-Wide and Home Interest Problems—Coming Events.

Fulton County Pomona Grange held a lively session in Fulton Grange Hall March 27. All the grangers in the county were represented. There were 175 present. A special feature for the day was the "Round Up" on corn judging. Each subordinate grange had previously held a corn contest and the best corn shown at each grange was sent to the county grange there to compete with the other bests. There were six samples of six ears each all splendid types of the king of cereals.

Wm. Strong of Lucas county did the judging placing 1st prize on corn from Crescent Grange, a yellow dent grown by E. B. Williams south of Wauseon. Mr. the has grown the variety for 17 years sometimes averaging 150 bushels per acre. The 2nd prize corn was from Ottokee Grange grown by H. Gasche, a white corn of good size, talk and ear. The importance of good seed and when to select and how to care for same was brought out in the various discussions. "Have You Tested Your Seed Corn?"

The Grange adopted a resolution opposing the bill seeking to raise passenger rates to 2 1/2 cents.

A bountiful dinner was served by the many good sisters of Fulton Grange. The following program was rendered: "The European War its Present and Future Effect on the Agricultural Interests of the U. S." This was ably discussed by C. A. Knapp. He called attention to our inadequate merchant marine and argued that the natural results of the conflict would be higher prices if we duly had a safe way of delivering the goods.

D. W. Williams remarked that the warring nations would produce more wheat this year than usual because more was sown in anticipation of food troubles. He said American farmers would not see the higher prices that we hear talked about.

"How our Trustees Can Do More for Good Roads" Several took part in this discussion. Some of the points made were lack of funds. The working roads till they are worn out is a bad fault. That ridge of gravel in the grass should never have been allowed to get out there. Now it should be brought back and cut up or cut up and brought back. The importance of thorough drainage was emphasized. The importance of having plenty of repair material close at hand was pointed out. Some thought that there were too many "Higher Ups" in our road laws.

"Home Made or Ready Made, Which Shall It Be for the Busy Farmers Wife?" Mrs. Merlin Batdorf and Mrs. Stomach Joy filled their hour.

Mrs. H. G. Cleveland, Arnold, Pa., writes: "For some time I suffered from stomach trouble. I would have sour stomach and fell bloated after eating. Nothing benefited me until I got Chamberlain's Tablets. After taking two bottles of them I was cured. For sale by all dealers. 51-5

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GO TO CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY

Is there any one in this community who will be deaf to the call for divine worship on the beautiful feast day of Easter?

It is the day of days in Christian churches throughout the land. On Christmas day the Redeemer was born. On Easter Sunday he arose from the dead. It is the joyous church season. The churches, always beautiful, are gloriously beautiful Easter Sunday morning. They are bedecked with flowers. There are special musical programs. Special sermons are preached. Churches of all denominations are prepared to welcome the throngs.

In every church in this community on Easter Sunday there is an attractive service, with special music and a special sermon. Encourage the churches in their noble work by visiting them on this splendid occasion.

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"He is Risen"

"He is risen"! This is what the Angel said Of Him whom men had counted, vanquished and dead; When from the cross they let the bruised body down And laid Him in the tomb, who wore the thorn crown.

"He is risen"! This message, while swift years roll, Heaven still doth send to quicken every soul; The sealed tomb is not the end of noble strife And man is not born for death, but endless life.

"He is risen"! Harken you who mourn and weep, You who fancy in despair, that the grave doth keep Those you loved and miss, whose absence leaves life bare They are not dead, but live in the land more fair.

"He is risen"! Above the power of death, Where men walk or wait in courts or martyr's homes; Where they bear the burdens yield to toil and strife, Lose hope and faint, wonder without light of life.

"He is risen"! Above the power of death, Above meaner sorrows, where there is breath Of nobler, kinder, purer thoughts and deeds; Of love and service not circumscribed by creeds.

"He is risen"! O, shall we not also heed? Lift up the faces of our souls, see the need And rise from dead selves, to breathe, to serve and live With Him who unto us, His own life would give?

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COUNTY AFFAIRS

Court House News For The Week—Cases in Probate Court—Marriage Licenses—Real Estate Transfers—Orders Drawn on Treasury—New Cases in Common Pleas Court.

Real Estate Transfers. Timothy F. Estep to H. B. Richardson, 25 acres, section 29, Swan Creek township, \$1. Stephen E. Hinkle to Fred H. Carpenter, lots 41, 42 and 43, Plainfield addition, Lyons, Ohio, \$500. Fred H. Carpenter to John R. Clendenin, parts of lots 41 to 43 inclusive Plainfield addition, Lyons, Ohio, \$220. Fred Carpenter to John R. Clendenin, 1/4 interest in property in Plainfield addition, Lyons, Ohio, \$75. Alonzo Hines and wife to W. A. Vatter, part of lot No. 10, and other property, White's addition, Delta, \$4800. Daniel King and wife to Jacob J. Ryan, 1 acre of land, section 24, German township, \$110. Peter Paul to Mary L. Paul, property, S. L. Sanderson's addition, Swanton, Ohio, \$300. E. E. Ryan to C. Metcalf, property in section 23, Clinton township, on N. Franklin and Oak streets, Wauseon, \$3600. Chas. Bourquin and wife to Joseph min Bowers, et al, 79 1/2 acres, section 26, German township, \$4000, undivided one third interest. Chas. Bourquin and wife to Joseph S. Short, undivided one third interest in section 26, German township, \$8000. The Delta Building & Real Estate Co., to John N. Patterson, lot 62, unaccepted plat, Oakwood addition, Delta, Ohio, \$1. O. H. Gunn and wife to Fred Phillips, lots 57 and 58, Pray's addition, Delta, Ohio, \$1. Joseph D. Nofziger and wife to Rufus Harris, et al, 60 acres, more or less, section 28, German township, \$10000. William L. Glen to Mary E. Middleton, 1 acre, Cherry street, Wauseon \$1900. Lena Reis Ford and Howard Ford to The Continental Sugar Co., small parcel of land, Amboy township, \$1. George Bodley and wife to Henry Weber, 60 acres more or less, section 6, Franklin township, \$10000. Grover G. Girdham and others to S. C. Hallett, 2 1/2 acres, section 7, Swan Creek township, \$400. Theron Gamble to Joseph Swartz, 7 1/2 acres, land, section 10, Fulton township, \$1. Jacob Klein, Jr. and wife to W. B. Crockett, Jr., small parcel of land, section 11, Amboy township, \$2500. Geo. F. Pfaff and wife to Ina P. Laver, lot 1, Harper's addition, Delta, Ohio, \$1. Catherine Curtis to Charles H. Whitmer and others, lot 12 Houseman's addition, Swanton, Ohio, \$1. Timothy F. Estep to William Leach and wife, 85 acres, section 8, York township, \$750. Geo. P. Lee to George Bodley, property on Cherry street, Fayette, not platted, \$2700. Henry Russell and wife to Edwin S. and Blanch Russell, 40 acres, section 19, Chesterfield township, \$1. Frank S. Ham and wife to H. L. and Stella Whitman, property on north Franklin and Oak streets, Wauseon, Ohio, \$3000. Stephen W. Tefft and others to W. L. Mohler, 56 acres, section 20, Swan Creek township, \$4078. Emma L. Miller and others to W. I. Mohler, undivided one seventh interest 56 acres, section 20, S. C., \$1.

Common Pleas Court. Magolia Bates vs Alfred Clarence Bates, action for divorce, etc. Baumgardner & Co. vs L. F. Kramer action collect money. F. O. Phillips executor of will of S. W. Clark vs Carley Clark, and others action for foreclosure of mortgage.

Probate Court. Guardianship of Katie Yoder, first partial account confirmed. Guardianship of Warren Welch, first partial account confirmed. Trusteeship of Mary Schmucker, third partial account confirmed. Estate of Peleg S. Lee, inventory and appraisement filed and application to sell personal property at private sale filed and order of private sale issued. Guardianship of Henry Gahrett, application filed. Hearing set for April 1st, 1915, 10 o'clock a. m. Will of Carrie P. Hawley, hearing continued to Tuesday, March 30th, 1915, 10 a. m. Andrew A. Mollenkopp appointed guardian of George H. Mollenkopp, and inventory filed. Will of Levi Little, deceased, journal entry from Common Pleas Court filed. Estate of Leah Cup, final distributive account filed and confirmed, administrator discharged. Guardianship of Lawson Kunev, resignation of G. W. Griffin accepted. Final account confirmed and J. A. Matern appointed guardian of said Lawson Kunev. Estate of Margaret Biery, application for letters testamentary filed. Bond filed. Letters testamentary issued to Frederick Steward and C. A. Cole and A. F. Shaffer and G. A. Boger appointed appraisers. Guardianship of Daniel Carroll, 4th partial account filed. Hearing April 28th, 1915. Will of Myron O. Ford, G. H. Crane appointed commissioner to take testimony of witnesses. Will of Minerva Lord admitted to probate and record.

Marriage Licenses. Chas. W. Harter, 22, farmer, Butler, Indiana and Frances V. Snellaker, 18, Swanton, Ohio, August Rulley, J. P. officiating. John F. Wenzler, 33, farmer and Herma M. Baer, 20, both of Archbold, Ohio, L. H. Decker, J. P. officiating. Rudolf Seiffert, 54, farmer and Emma Schwable, 48, both of Archbold, Ohio, Rev. Plehn, officiating.

Warrants Drawn. E. J. Hooldeen, deputy sheriff, \$10.00. Chas. H. White, redemption, \$10.00. David White, Rec. Franklin Twp., \$9.75. A. Hochstetzer, printing, \$1.80. C. C. Bach, jury com., \$6.00. Fred Grundy, name, \$5.00. Chas. Russell, Rec. German Twp., \$17.50. Chas. Getwite, election, Metamora, \$27.20. Julia Donnelly, mothers pension, \$9.00. First National Bank, bonds, \$54.18. H. R. Frasier, election, \$25.00. P. S. Ham redemption, \$3.30. S. Wardlaw, ditch work, \$22.50. Fulton County Tribune, printing, \$22.54.

For deep cuts use Hanford's Balsam. Set it to the bottom of the wound.

BLAIR HOTEL

Under New Management After May First—Mr. M. Dinerberger of Buffalo, N. Y. Purchases Hotel Business—Crawford Blair Retires After Twenty-Three Years As Hotel Manager in Wauseon.

Mr. M. Dinerberger of Buffalo, New York completed the business transaction incident to the purchase of the Blair Hotel business, the first of the present week; he will take possession and assume control of the hotel about May first and Mr. and Mrs. Blair will take a rest after twenty-three years of strenuous activity in conducting a hotel. The building will remain the property of Mr. Blair, Mr. Dinerberger having purchased the interior equipment and furnishings and secured a lease of the building for a long term of years; he comes with the expectation of locating here in Wauseon permanently and he and his wife will devote their time and attention to the hotel. Mr. Dinerberger is not a stranger to Wauseon for the past twenty years he has been visiting Wauseon in his capacity as a traveling salesman several times each year and those who know him speak very highly of him, while he has certainly had ample opportunity to become acquainted with Wauseon and the general conditions which exist here. Nor is Mr. Dinerberger a novice in the hotel business; he has been visiting Wauseon in his capacity as a traveling salesman, conducting a restaurant at Niagara Falls, N. Y. With Mr. and Mrs. Dinerberger will come at least two other persons, relatives, who will assist them in the management and conduct of the hotel. From all that we can learn we feel assured that the new management will give Wauseon an up-to-date and modern hotel that will be a credit to the town and worthy the patronage of all residents and visitors alike.

For twenty-three years Mr. and Mrs. Blair have conducted a hotel on the site of present hotel Blair, purchasing from Jake Ash the building known as the Wauseon House where they conducted a hotel until the building was destroyed by fire. It was nineteen years ago last July that they opened for business in the present building and nine years ago they completed the annex to the east of the original brick structure having been compelled to enlarge the building to accommodate their trade. Mr. and Mrs. Blair have become not only familiar persons to the residents of Wauseon but as well to the traveling public who find their way from time to time to our city; the home folks at least will be glad to know that they are not anticipating leaving Wauseon but expect to settle down here to enjoy the rest and quiet to which they are certainly entitled.

THE GRUMBLER'S WOE. By Roxie Rice. I'm not much of a grumbler, 'bout Nature, and shake his head forlorn, And yet, we hear queer prophecies, as to our future days, Some man will have a doleful sigh, And declare, "the whole a failure" and "not half a crop 'o corn." "Potatoes have the same old blight, the fruit crop gone to rot!" He'd just make us think God's creatures by HIM, are clean forgot. And then he fears a famine; for, to him all things look queer, And oft ens up his grumbings, "Its a most destructive year!" Then he emits a woful groan, as he clasps his hands to pray To the Lord, to "pour down blessings, to last another day!" Now, where is the use in fretting? I have not the slightest doubt That our good Lord above us, knows just what HE'S about. Now soon, we'll hear that doleful wail, it rings year after year; Should we have true faith in Providence, I'm sure we need not fear. Somewhere, there always is enough for this great worlds demand, And things go moving on the same, and life seems just as grand; How foolish, then, to look for clouds, instead of GOD'S bright sun, Do you think things would be better, if we this world could run?

A Cure For Sour Stomach. Mrs. Wm. M. Thompson, of Battle Creek, Mich., writes: "I have been troubled with indigestion, sour stomach and bad breath. After taking two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets I am well. These tablets are splendid—none better." For sale by all dealers. 51-5

I now have my third car load of buggies in my ware rooms. These buggies have been bought for spot cash, and I will positively not be undersold on same line of vehicles. 46-10 C. F. STOTZER.

We are thinking of you and what you are doing. We are prepared to extend you every aid within legitimate banking practice. We urge you to make good use of your check-book this spring, sending checks by mail and letting us do the actual paying to other parties. Because of the importance of the 1915 crop, our service this year will be more than ever a farm-service, giving special, prompt attention to your requirements.

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